

July 16, 2019

**Via Electronic Email**

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**Re: Maryland Public Information Act Request**

Dear Nathaneal King:

I am in receipt of your May 02, 2018 E-mail requesting records from the Prince George's County Police Department regarding information about the Goat Man. Your request is made pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act ("MPIA").

Recently, the Prince George's County Government has received a large volume of MPIA requests. However, we will make every effort to process your request within thirty (30) days, as required by statute. Be advised that there are some requests that require specialized staffing and resources for processing. This, in turn, may cause response times to be somewhat longer than the normal thirty (30) days. See, Annotated Code of Maryland, *General Provisions*, Article 4-203(c)(2)(d).

Please note that pursuant to Maryland Code An., General Provisions, Article 4-203(c)(2), we are allowed to charge reasonable fees for time incurred to search, prepare and reproduce the documents that you have requested. At a later date, we will provide you with an estimated cost for your request. Before we release any documents to you, payment for the accumulated charges must be received. Without such payment, your request will be close without further action. See, *Ireland v. Shearing*, 417 Md. 401, 412, n. 8 (2010).

Lastly, be assured that your request is being handled as expeditiously as possible, and all records that can be released will be made available to you at the earliest possible time.

In closing, you may seek judicial review of this decision pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., *General Provisions*, Article 4-362. If you have any questions or need to contact me regarding this matter, I can be reached during normal business hours at (301) 772-4226.

Sincerely,  
John T. Mitchell  
*John T. Mitchell*  
Associate County Attorney